

REMARKS

Pending in this application are claims 66 - 74, 76 - 91 and 93 - 103. Claims 57 - 64 have been canceled by this amendment. Claims 1 - 56, 65, 75 and 92 were previously canceled.

Claims 73, 80, 90, 96, 97 have been amended to delete the term coal from the Markush group of solvents. This overcomes the examiner's rejection of those claims under 35 USC §112.

Claims 81 and 91 have been amended to read "selected from the group consisting of." This overcomes the examiner's rejection of those claims under 35 USC §112.

Claims 66, 76 and 84 have been amended. The term "coal" replaces the term "base fuel" in the claims. This amendment addresses the examiner's rejection of those claims under 35 USC §112.

New claims 100 - 101 mirror claims 63 and 64 which depended on rejected claims. These claims no longer depend from a rejected claim and are allowable. The Markush group in claim 100 has been corrected to delete coal as a solvent.

Claims 57 - 59, 62 and 64 were rejected as anticipated by Finnan and/or Fujiwara. These claims have been canceled rendering the rejection moot.

The examiner indicated that claims 93 - 95 were allowed.

CONCLUSIONS

Applicant submits that the pending claims are free of the art and are in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes there is no fee due with this response. However, if fees are due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. P02917US5 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted

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